separately outside the BOT, obviously, that does not form a part of the total project cost. So, for the future projects, we are ensuring that by more public consultations and more public interaction, we are able to give correct designing, correct engineering and provide facilities so that this add on which takes place, is not there.

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : सर, एक छोटी सी request है, मैं interpret नहीं कर रहा हूं।

सभापति महोदय, मेरी प्रार्थना है, मैं इस विषय पर discussion इसलिए चाहता हूं कि ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : आप उसका नोटिस दीजिए।

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : मैं दे रहा हूं। सर, इसमें एक लाख करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा खर्चा होता है और इन परियोजनाओं में कई व्यवधान हैं, इसलिए अगर उस पर discussion होगा तो कमल नाथ जी को भी सहायता मिलेगी और कई व्यवधान दूर होंगे। Fair enough.

Damages due to floods in A.P., Karnataka and Maharashtra

*85. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and rendered homeless as a result of recent heavy rain and rushing floods in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that several lakh acres of agricultural land have been submerged in these States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided to these States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) According to the information received from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, 90 human lives in Andhra Pradesh and 229 human lives in Karnataka have been lost as a result of heavy rains/floods during 29th September to 4th October 2009. About 2.85 lakh persons in Andhra Pradesh and about 7.66 lakh persons in Karnataka who were rendered homeless, reported to have been accommodated in the relief camps.

Crops over an area of 2.82 lakh ha in Andhra Pradesh and 22.85 lakh ha in Karnataka are reported to have been affected.

No report of damage has been received from Maharashtra.

Requests of the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka for financial assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of above floods are being processed. However, pending the processing of their request, second installment of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2009-10 amounting to Rs.156.835 crore to Andhra Pradesh and Rs.52.26 crore to Karnataka have been released in advance. In addition, in

pursuance of the announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for release of Rs.1000 crore each to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, an amount of Rs.500 crore each has already been released from NCCF on an 'on account' basis. The remaining amount of Rs.500 crore each to these States will be released by the Ministry of Finance after the augmentation of NCCF in the budget.

The extant norms for CRF/NCCF provides assistance for Agriculture Sector in the form of input subsidy, desilting of agricultural land, removal of debris on agricultural land in hilly areas and loss of substantial portion of land caused by landslide.

श्री अमर सिंह : सर, बहुत दुख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि लालफीताशाही ऐसे मामलों में भी हावी है। मेरे पास जो उत्तर आया है, वह बहुत अमानवीय है। उस उत्तर में यह कहा जा रहा है कि यह तो मान रहे हैं कि पूरी की पूरी खेती बाढ़ में डूब गई है, लाखों हैक्टेयर डूब गया है, यह भी मान रहे हैं कि 90 लोग आंध्र प्रदेश में और 229 लोग कर्णाटक में मौत के शिकार हो गए हैं लेकिन मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि उत्तर में लिखा जा रहा है कि assessment of damage is being assessed. The process is on. हमारे प्रशासन का यह आचरण ठीक नहीं है। अगर किसी रोगी के रोग का निदान तत्काल न हो, उसे अगर दवाई की जरूरत है, शल्य-चिकित्सा की जरूरत है और डॉक्टर अगर assessment ही करता रहे, तब तो वह मर ही जाएगा। Justice delayed is justice denied. तो आपको जो भी देना है, जो भी करना है, क्या कोई instant mechanism आपके पास है या आप इसी तरह का औपचारिक उत्तर देते रहेंगे that assessment is being made.

श्री सभापति : आप सवाल पूछ लीजिए।

श्री अमर सिंह : तो मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि how long will you take in making the assessment because considerable time has passed when the flood has taken place, people have died and their crops have been ruined?

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, the Central Team has submitted its report yesterday. The Inter-Ministerial group, headed by the Home Secretary, is to meet shortly. About Karnataka, the Central Team has submitted its report. The Inter-Ministerial Group is about to meet tomorrow.

श्री अमर सिंह : सर, आंध्र प्रदेश में हमारे साथी सांसद डा0 दसारी नारायण राव जी ने प्रयास किया कि कुछ फंड इकट्ठा हो। कुछ एनजीओज़ ने भी इस संबंध में प्रयास किया। मेरी जानकरी है कि कर्नाटक की सरकार ने एक दिन पदयात्रा करके अपने उपक्रम से पांच सौ करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा धनराशि एकत्रित की। महोदय, एनजीओज़, आंध्र प्रदेश के फिल्मकार और कर्नाटक की सरकार पदयात्रा से पांच सौ करोड़ रुपए इकट्ठे कर लेती है, लेकिन अभी तक सिर्फ 156 करोड़ रुपए केन्द्र से गए हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि दक्षिण भारत में जो लोग मरे हैं, जो किसान मरे हैं, क्या वह दक्षिण भारत भारत का हिस्सा नहीं है? वहां पर मरे हुए लोगों का असेसमेंट हो रहा है। अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा कि it will be shortly done. How shortly you are going to do and as compared to what is being done in Andhra Pradesh, ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please ask the question.

श्री अमर सिंह : सर, मैं सवाल ही पूछ रहा हूं लेकिन आंध्र प्रदेश के बारे में थोड़ा बताना तो पड़ेगा कि वहां पर क्या हालत है। वहां पर निजी संस्थाओं ने इतना प्रयास किया है, कर्नाटक की सरकार ने पदयात्रा करके तीन घंटे में पांच सौ करोड़ रुपए एकत्र किए हैं। आप तो खजाने के मालिक हैं, आप तो वित्त मंत्री जी के पीछे बैठे हैं। आप एक कलम चलवाइए और वहां पर रुपया भिजवाइए तथा जो लोग दुखी हैं, संतप्त हैं, उनको रिलीफ दिलवाइए।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, there is no shortage of money; there is no shortage of funds as far as disaster relief is concerned. In fact, Sir, CRF and NCCF are mechanisms, and there are rules under which money is being released under the CRF. We have released the second instalment. The Prime Minister has announced a thousand crore, each for Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; Rs.500 crores have been released. I have visited both States; I have spoken to both Chief Ministers. I received delegations. They have got enough balances. We have told them, "You spend the money, and, then, once the assessment is made and whatever relief is to be granted from the NCCF will be granted." Money is not a constraint. They can spend the money and whenever the assessment is made, money will be reimbursed to them. We have already released the advance money. Today, NGOs are doing work; the State Government is doing work; the Central Government has done all that it has to do, in the immediate days, for relief and rehabilitation. Let me make it very clear that money is not a constraint in providing relief and rehabilitation to the affected people. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Sir, how soon the assessment will be made?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no; no more questions. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Money is not a constraint. Thank you, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can ask only two questions. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: Is there any mechanism about making a quick assessment? ...*(Interruptions)*... People are suffering there, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This has been answered. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: That is one question. Thank you, Mr. Chidambaram.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We can't have a discussion on this. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: What is the mechanism for making a quick assessment?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have asked a question and it has been answered. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : सर ये लोग पैसा नहीं देते हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : आप बैठ जाइए प्लीज़। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री अमर सिंह : असेसमेंट का मकैनिज्म क्या है? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Amar Singhji, please sit down.

SHRI AMAR SINGH: What is the mechanism? He has not answered, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*... Money is not a constraint. Thank you, Mr. Chidambaram. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : अमर सिंह जी, प्लीज़। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: What is this, Sir? ...*(Interruptions)*... What is the mechanism for making a quick assessment? ...*(Interruptions)*... What is this, Sir? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Jesudasu Seelam. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: What is the time frame? ...*(Interruptions)*... People are dying there. ...*(Interruptions)*... We want a time frame, a definite time frame. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: What is this, Sir? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : सर, दो साल पहले उड़ीसा में बाढ़ आयी थी। ..(**व्यवधान**).. प्रधान मंत्री महोदय ने कहा था कि एक हजार करोड़ रुपए देंगे लेकिन केवल 25 करोड़ रुपए वहां पर दिए गए। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

श्री सभापति : पाणि जी, इंटरप्ट मत कीजिए। आप बैठ जाइए प्लीज़।

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : कहां एक हजार करोड़ रुपए और कहां 25 करोड़ रुपए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... वहां पर एक हजार करोड़ रुपए देने के लिए कहा गया था। स्वयं प्रधान मंत्री जी ने वहां जाकर यह ऐलान किया था कि एक हजार करोड़ रुपए दिए जाएंगे लेकिन...(**व्यवधान**)...यह बिल्कुल गलत कह रहे हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no; this is not proper. ...*(Interruptions)*... पाणि जी, आप बैठ जाइए प्लीज़। Please don't interfere. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI AMAR SINGH: What is the mechanism? And what is the time frame? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you don't want that questions should be answered. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please listen to me. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री शिवानन्द तिवारी : दिल्ली की सरकार ने एक पैसा नहीं दिया है। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

श्री के.बी. शणप्पा : महोदय, मैं फ्लड अफेक्टिड एरिया से आता हूं। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Look, I have drawn the attention of the hon Members that this House runs on accepted procedures. If everybody wishes to speak at the same time, nobody will be heard. So please resume your places and go by the procedure. Shri Trivedi. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sorry, I have asked Mr. Seelam first. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Trivedi, you can ask after he finishes. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Seelam first.

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Sir, it is really unfortunate that unprecedented damage has happened. Ten lakh people are reported to have been rendered homeless. Sir, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has come with a project to construct houses at a unit cost of Rs.70,000/-. It has asked for special assistance from the Central Government. I want to know the status of this.

Secondly, Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: One question has to be asked. But, you are asking two supplementaries.

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Sir, it is about rehabilitation to the same people. The SHGs among the homeless have asked for postponement of their instalments by, at least, two months. We have met the bankers. They are refusing. The hon. Minister is saying that there is no shortage of funds. We are not saying that there is shortage of funds; there is shortage of will. The bankers are requested to postpone the instalments. They are really suffering. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there are any clear instructions to waive off the loans of the weaker sections — the backward classes and petty traders whom Mr. Hanumantha Rao

was referring to — among the 10 lakh people. Is there any specific direction to complete the construction of 70,000 houses for 10 lakh homeless people in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka?

MR. CHAIRMAN: One question will be answered.

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: So, I go for homeless.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, both the Chief Ministers have come forward with a large proposal for reconstruction. We have had previous experience in the Tsunami and the Super-Cyclone in Orissa. So, we have said that after relief and rehabilitation, which is the immediate task, reconstruction must be taken up. They have asked for extra houses under Indira Awas Yojna. They have asked for special assistance for reconstruction. We have said that once the reconstruction plan is given to the Government, it will be examined by the Planning Commission and funds, to the extent possible, will be provided by the Government. Sir, reconstruction is slightly a long term process. Immediate need is relief and rehabilitation. Reconstruction of houses is also on the agenda and we will address the issue like after Tsunami and after Super-Cyclone, the issue of reconstruction of houses in Andhra and Karnataka will also be addressed humanely, compassionately and with great sympathy.

SHRI TRIVEDI: Sir, we are talking about floods in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In these States, there are floods in one year and the second year there will be drought. I am talking about Mumbai. Sir, every year because of heavy rains, floods and water logging in Mumbai life is completely paralysed. Trains go out of gear for a number of days. Working hours are totally lost. And, this commercial capital is virtually comes to a halt for a number of days. So, my question is: what concrete steps that the Government is visualising to mitigate the hardships of the people in Mumbai which they are facing every year.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, although this question directly does not pertain to Mumbai, hon. Members are aware that after that unprecedented rains in Mumbai a few years ago, a plan had been drawn up for Mumbai, including widening and deepening of river Mithi which runs through Mumbai. Money has been provided. The hon. Prime Minister announced a special grant to Mumbai. Funds have been provided under JNNURM to Mumbai. It is for the Government of Maharashtra to address the issue. Wherever they need help of the Central Government, let me assure you, the Central Government stands ready to help India's premier city and the commercial capital ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Das. I will allow you if you have a supplementary on this particular question...*(Interruptions)*...Only on this question.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, Mr. Madhu is from Andhra Pradesh. He should be given a chance to ask his question...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. Just a minute...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Sir, my question is...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a minute...*(Interruptions)*...If you are putting a supplementary on this question, you go ahead....*(Interruptions)*...But, don't deviate.

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Okay. Thank you, Sir...*(Interruptions)*...Sir, whenever the question of flood comes...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry...*(Interruptions)*...Mr. Sarkar, we cannot take questions like this...*(Interruptions)*...I am sorry. There should not be any agitation in this House ...*(Interruptions)*...I am sorry...*(Interruptions)*...No. There will be no agitation in the House.

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Sir, question pertains to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka...*(Interruptions)*...You have allowed supplementary on Mumbai. You are allowing supplementaries on other States ...*(Interruptions)*...Hon. Member from Andhra Pradesh should also be given an opportunity to put his supplementary...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yechuryji, please read the question...*(Interruptions)*...It pertains to Maharashtra also.

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Sir, my question is this. The Government is providing relief and rehabilitation plan for the flood affected people. In our region, every year the Government..*(Interruptions)*..

MR. CHAIRMAN: I said you have to stick to this question. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Sir, it is related to this question. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not related to it. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: This question is about relief and rehabilitation, Sir. ....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry it is not. *(Interruptions)* I am afraid it is not. *(Interruptions)* If you will agitate I shall go to the next question. Please don't force me to do that. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Then let there be a half-an-hour discussion on this matter. *(Interruptions)*

श्री के.बी. शणप्पा : सर, हम लोग कर्णाटक से आते हैं, हम भी सवाल पूछना चाहते हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Das, please resume your place. ...*(Interruptions)* आप अपनी जगह पर बैठ जाइए। ... (**व्यवधान**)... आप कुछ कह रहे थे। आप फरमाइये। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री मनोहर जोशी : सर, मैं महाराष्ट्र के बारे में कहना चाहता हूं ।... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : जी, कहिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, in Maharashtra, Konkan region is affected by this. In Konkan, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra announced that the money would reach the people in two days. Forget two days, now almost twenty days have passed and money has not been sent to the people. I have personally visited the places and found that lot of damage is caused and the money has not reached the people even today. I would like to know from the Government whether the money will reach the people immediately. I can mention the name of places where I went. I am referring to Mahad, one of the places I visited, and the place next to that. Whether the Government can assure the poor people that the money will reach them within 24 hours.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, no information regarding the damage caused has been received from the State of Maharashtra. But we will take up the matter positively with the Government of Maharashtra.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No.86. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Sir, we come from that area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am aware of that. *(Interruptions)* But only three questions can be taken up as supplementary. ...*(Interruptions)*

श्री के.बी. शणप्पा : सर, हम कर्णाटक के बारे में सवाल पूछना चाहते हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Sir, one Member should be allowed from any political party. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you change the rules, I am with you. *(Interruptions)* Please don't do that. *(Interruptions)* If you want questions to be asked on the basis of regions and States, I would submit that you change the rules, I will implement them. *(Interruptions)* Question No.86, please. देखिए, सिर्फ टाइम जाया हो रहा है, कोई फायदा नहीं हो रहा है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री बी.के. हरिप्रसाद : हजारों करोड़ रुपया वहां के लिए मिलता है। ... (**व्यवधान**)... आपके मुख्य मंत्री खुद रो रहे थे। ... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : वह हमारे मुख्य मंत्री नहीं हैं, वह कर्णाटक के मुख्य मंत्री हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : पाणि जी, ... (**व्यवधान**)... पाणि जी, आप बैठ जाइए। ... (**व्यवधान**)... Please. *(Interruptions)* One minute, gentlemen. I am afraid if this kind of interruption goes on, I will be forced to name Members. Please don't take me to this point. Question No.86.

Introduction of HSRPs for vehicles

*86. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce High Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) for vehicles throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in other advanced countries using similar plates; and

(d) if so, names of such countries, method used for sale of such plates, density of car owners using such plates etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had amended rule 50 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, (CMVR), 1989 on 28th March, 2001 to prescribe fitment of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) in all categories of new as well as in-use motor vehicles. The role of Central Government was to notify the standards and specifications of High Security Registration Plates, notify the testing agencies that are to test the plates and accord type approval to the vendors and to notify the date of implementation. Implementation of the scheme in accordance with the rules framed by the Central Government is